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## Multi Agency Response Searches for a Missing 43 Year Old Man

Flagstaff, AZ- Officers, Deputies and Volunteers of the Navajo Department of Public Safety, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, the Arizona Department of Public Safety Air Rescue Division and the Coconino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Organization are searching for a missing sheep rancher on the Navajo Reservation. On Monday, officials of the Navajo Department of Public Safety requested assistance in locating 43 year old Jackie McClellan of Cameron Arizona.

Mr. McClellan left his home near Cameron on Sunday November 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and was believed to be in route to his sheep camp, located 13.6 miles west of North Highway 89 on the Spider Web Ranch Road. However, on Monday November 26, 2007 at about 7:30 a.m. Mr. McClellan's nephew located him in Gray Mountain Arizona and drove him to the Spider Web Ranch Road and dropped him off. It is believed that Mr. McClellan was given a ride to his camp.

According to witnesses who were present at the camp Mr. McClellan was suffering from a severe illness, was hallucinating and believed someone was chasing him. On Thursday November 29, 2007 at about 8:30 p.m. he left the camp during a severe winter storm with a mixture of snow, rain and heavy winds. Mr. McClellan has not been seen or heard from since. He suffers from high blood pressure and is on medication however searchers located Mr. McClellan's Jacket with his blood pressure medication in the pocket. It is believed he has not taken his medication for at least four days.

Jackie McClellan is described as a 43 year old Navajo Native American male, approximately 5'7" in height, weighing approximately 175 pounds. He has black hair that hangs over his collar and ears and a black moustache. He may have a slight growth of facial hair or a beard. Mr. McClellan has an injured right knee however it is unknown if he walks with a limp. He was last seen wearing a blue and white Dallas Cowboy ball cap with a star on the front of it, the rest of his clothing description is unknown. The search effort includes the DPS helicopter, four officers on horseback, 10 ground searchers either walking or riding ATVs and numerous family members who are assisting.

Community members with information regarding the disappearance or whereabouts of Mr. McClellan are urged to call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at (928) 774-4523.